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Excerpt from Report [REDACTED] on
The Brookings Institution's Conference for Federal
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"By way of specific comment on the conference, it represented the most outstanding two-week training period which I have experienced. It was well managed by Brookings which provided a particularly effective atmosphere for learning. Most of the sessions were held in the board rooms of the corporations. The corporate officials were, in most cases, candid in their replies and were able to present meaningful information in the time allotted." ... "It is my opinion that Brookings has identified the need for a brokerage function between two groups in our national structure who are anxious to learn more about each other's problems, accomplishments, and responsibilities toward employers, employees, and society in general. Brookings has met this brokerage need by the creation of this conference and a counterpart program whereby business executives are exposed to the Executive and Legislative Branches of the Government. I feel the Institution is to be commended for identifying this need and for fulfilling it in a most effective manner." ... "During one of the gatherings the Vice President of the Esso Research Laboratory expressed his appreciation for having had the opportunity of visiting the Central Intelligence Agency during the Brookings counterpart program. He emphasized that in his opinion the Agency participation in the program did much to enhance its stature in the business sector. He expressed his hope that our participation will continue."

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